SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA;

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-report which appeared in *Indian Express* dated 22nd June, 1992 regarding USA's putting the country under strict CIA vigil with regard to the military weapon programme in both conventional and non-conventional areas- and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government constantly monitor all developments having a bearing on India's security environment and take necessary steps to safeguard India's security.

Explosion of Nuclear Bomb by China

781. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that China has recently exploded nuclear bomb said to be 70 times more powerful than the Hiroshima bomb;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto in the context of its policy to use nuclear power for peaceful purposes;

(c) whether Government envisage any change in the conception of the nuclear power countries as a result of nuclear bomb explosion by China; and

(d) whether Government proposes to reconsider its nuclear power options in the light of explosion conducted by a neighbouring country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA); (a) On May 21, 1992 China conducted an underground nuclear test. This was the largest ever underground nuclear test conducted by China. General and preliminary assessments are that it was a one megaton explosive.

(b) India has consistently adovcat-ed a comprehensive ban on the testing of nuclear weapons. It remains our earnest hope that all States, both nuclear weapons and non-nuclear weapons States alike will move together to conclude such a ban at "the earliest.

(c) and (d) Government pursues a longstanding policy of utilising nuclear power for peaceful purposes only. Government's consistent position has been to call for the total elimination of all nuclear weapons in a framework which is global and non" discriminatory.

खादी उद्योगों के विकास के लिए प्रस्तुत किया गया खाका

@782. श्री अनन्त राम जायसवाल: क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या खादी मिशन ने खादी के विकास और खादी तथा ग्रामोद्योग को एक आत्म निर्भर उद्योग बनाने के लिए 12 अगस्त, 1991 को सरकार को एक खाका प्रस्तुत किया था ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने उक्त खाके के संबंध में कोई कार्यवाही की है, यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

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उद्योग मंत्रालय (लघु उद्योग और कृषि तथा ग्रामीण उद्योग विभाग में राज्य मंत्री) और वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री जी पी० जी० कुरियन) : (क) जी हां ।

(ख) खादी मिशन ने निम्नलिखित पहलुओं के संदर्भ में सुझाव दिए हैं :—

(1) अन्य कार्यक्रमों के साथ नेट-वर्किंग

(2) प्राप्त रोजगार ;

(3) नए उद्योगों के लिए नीति ;

(4) विद्यमान संबंधी समस्याओं को दूर करना ;

(5) संगठन और श्रमिक कानूनों का पुनः मूल्यांकन ;

(6) तकनोलोजी ;

(7) राजकोषीय एवं अन्य सहायतायें ।

(ग) और (घ) खादी मिशन एक स्वैच्छिक संगठन है और यह खादी तथा ग्रामोद्योग क्षेत्र के बारे में खादी तथा ग्रामोद्योग आयोग तथा सरकार से समय-समय पर चर्चा करता रहता है । मिशन द्वारा दिए गए सुझावों पर इसके संचालक तथा के०वी०आई० सी० से बातचीत की गई है ताकि खादी तथा ग्रामोद्योग कार्यक्रमों को देश में प्रभावी रूप से लागू किया जा सके ।

Suggestion of Krishnamurty Panel on disinvestment in PSU

783. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that fhe Krisnhamurty Panel has suggested immediate one-time disinvestment of PSU equity; and

Ob) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES) (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) The final report of the Krishnamurty Committee is yet to be received by the Government.

Selling of Shares of Public Sector Undertakings

784. SHRI S_s MADHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of shares sold by the Public Sector Undertakings upto June, 1992 and how much amount was generated by this sale; and

(b) what are the guidelines follow-. ed in selling these -shares to get the maximum price?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY" INDUSTRY AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES) (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Government have sold 8 per cent of its shares in 30 PSEs by Tune, 1992 for a- total amount of Rs. 3038 crores.

(b) These shares were auctioned in the form of bundles to various public sector financial/investment institutions, mutual funds and the merchant banks, keeping in- view the reference price worked out within the parameters of guidelines issued by the Controller of Capital Issues.

Losses suffered by Bharat Opthalmic Glass Ltd.

785. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bharat Opthalmic Glass Ltd., Durga pur is suffering losses due to Unremunerative selling price;

(b) if so, the details thereof- and

(c) whether any action has been taken to correct it?'

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES) (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) No, Sir..

(b) and (c) Do not arise.